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AMENDMENT

My primary concern about the “Homeless Prevention Initiative” is with the recommended expansion of 5 of the 16 Homeless Access Centers to become “Stabilization Centers”. If we are serious about approaching this issue regionally, then we need to make sure that cities are included in the decision making process in allocating County dollars towards these efforts. Ensuring that we build regional partnerships will mitigate the risk of creating regional divisiveness around an issue that needs a unified approach.

I am also concerned about the fact that these 16 sites do not comprehensively serve all of the County; to address this, we should ensure that service models outside of the Homeless Access Centers be considered and incorporated into planning efforts. This will allow cities interested in developing their own approach, to use these resources as

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matching funds if they wish, and consult with local law enforcement, hospitals, and the County to create an approach that best serves their communities.

Additionally, I am concerned with the lack of detail provided as to how the \$80 million for the “Homeless and Housing Program” will be spent. Staff has indicated that they will return to us at a later date with a specific plan and recommendations outlining the use of the funds. I believe it would be more fiscally sound to place these dollars in a designation, rather than establish a new budget unit.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the recommendation to create 5 24-hour stabilization centers, be amended as follows:

- That stabilization models outside of the Homeless Access Centers be considered and incorporated into planning efforts, in particular for cities who identify the need for a stabilization center, but are not within proximity to any of the 16 Homeless Access Centers.
- That any enhancement, expansion or addition to any of the 16 Homeless Access Centers or development of alternative sites move forward only with the majority consent of the local governing body and support of the community in which the proposed expanded center is sited.

I FURTHER MOVE that the County general funds identified for the creation of a Homeless and Housing Program, be placed into a designation account as opposed to a new budget unit.

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